

City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session, Closed Session
June 16, 2014

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner,
Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young

Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Monica Correll, City Clerk
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett and roll call taken.

Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business

- a. Ordinance No. 14-O-08; Acceptance of Curry Family Trust Gift (For Introduction)
Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 14-O-08; Acceptance of Curry Family Trust Gift.
- b. Ordinance No.14-O-14; Amendment to Personnel Manual; APD Pay Period (For Introduction)
Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 14-O-14; Amendment to Personnel Manual; APD Pay Period.
- c. Budget Changes

Mr. Miller explained that an earlier budget amendment was passed in the amount of \$455,000 to purchase three properties on Franklin Street. The City had since received a \$250,000 grant to offset this cost. He requested \$250,000 to be returned to fund balance. He also requested \$29,000 of this to be reserved toward the onboard computers of the police cars. There were no questions from the Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the 2014 Budget Amendment for the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund and also increase the Capital Projects Fund by \$29,000 for the purchase of computer equipment for the police cars.

The motion was passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

Work Session

The Mayor and Council ended the Business Meeting and started the Work Session at 4:06 p.m.

- a. Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference Takeaways: The Mayor and Council discussed classes and highlights from the June MML Conference held in Ocean City.
- b. Lead and Copper Testing: Mr. Miller informed the Council that the City would be going through lead and copper testing on its pipes.
- c. Newsletter Topics
Coverage on the lead and copper testing and information on the Cal Ripken World Series were requested.
- d. Hillcrest Water Tower Painting: Hillcrest Water Tower bids were going out with an anticipated completion date after Thanksgiving.
- e. DHCD Grant; Franklin Street Properties: The demolition bids of these properties were out and completion was anticipated in 4-6 weeks.
- f. CALEA Update: The Chief said that the mock CALEA assessment provided a list of improvements and that the completion date was still on target.
- g. MML; LAR: Mr. Miller congratulated the Mayor on his election back on the MML Board and being appointed the Legislative Committee Chair. He asked the Council to submit, by mid-August, any issues of a municipal, state-wide nature for consideration by the MML Legislative Committee. The MML Legislative Committee would vote on what issues to champion at the Fall Conference.
- h. Early Trash Collection; July-August: Citizens were advised that, due to the hot weather, trash/recyclable collection would start at 5:00 a.m. instead of 6:00 a.m.

Other Business

Mr. Miller explained that street paving was running behind because of the winter weather and also because asphalt plants did not open up as early. Progress is being made now.

Statutory Authority to Close Session

Mayor Bennett read State Government Article §10-508(a): (3) to consider the acquisition of real property for public purpose and matters directly related thereto. The topic to be discussed was the property for sale at 102 North Rogers Street and the reason for closing the meeting was to discuss the potential purchase of this property.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young and Councilwoman Landbeck to close the meeting. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.**

The Council proceeded into a closed session at 4:25 p.m. at City Hall, second floor, administrative conference room.

- **Announcements:** June 28; 9/11 Memorial Dedication, July 14; Work Session, July 17; MML; Cecil-Harford Chapter Meeting, July 21; Work Session, July 28; Council Meeting.